(1) Assistance for diversified fishing by mechanised fishing vessels.

(2) Establishment and development of hatcheries and farms.

(3) Subsidy scheme on seed and feed.

(4) Modernisation of seafood industry.

(5) Quality upgradation schemes and

(6) Market promotion schemes.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The proposal to upgrade the office of MPEDA in Visakhapatnam is presently kept in abeyance due to restrictions prevailing on the creation of posts.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of Bauxite Ore

1541. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

a) the policy of Government with regard to export of Bauxite Ore from western cost and eastern coast areas under the new trade policy;

(b) whether different norms have been laid down for the above two areas; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). All grades of Bauxite except calcined bauxite and low grade bauxite with alumina content Al 203 less than 54% of west coast origin are canalised through MMTC. Low grade bauxite with alumina content Al 203 less than 54% of west coast origin has been decanalised w.e.f. 14th August, 1991 as an initial step under the liberalised New Trade Policy. Export of calcined bauxite from all sections has also been decontrolled w.e.f. 31st October, 1991.

Strengthening of East Coast Guard

1542. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Govemment have received any report regarding encroachment by foreign fishing trawlers into Indian waters;

(b) the details of the strength of the Coast Guard in East Coast;

(c) whether it is proposed to modernise and strengthen the Coast Guard to protect the marine resources of our coastal areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The strength of vessels, aircraft etc,changes from time to time, based on operational requirements.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Coast Guard are being strengthened and modernished as per the Coast Guard Perspective Plan 1985-2000 and 5 Years Coast Guard Development Plans, which envisage the balanced growth of the Coast Guard, commensurate with their requirements, subject to the availability of funds.